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Raritan Bay and Southern Part of Arthur Kill

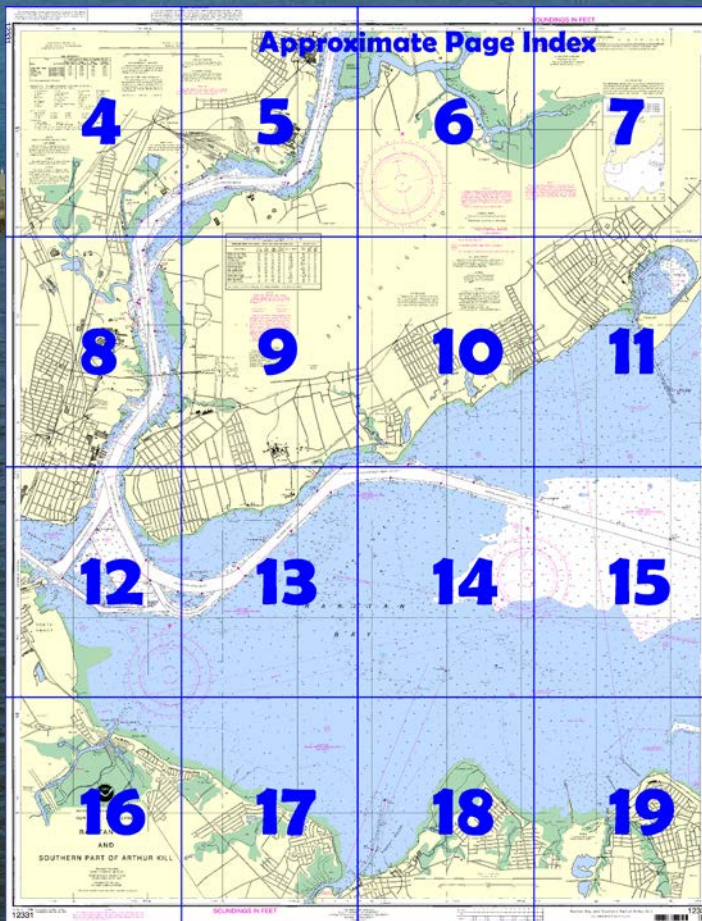
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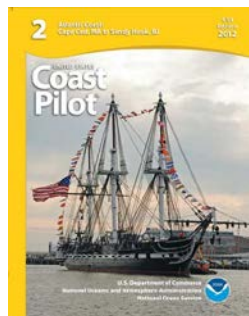
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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Raritan Bay is that part of Lower Bay lying westward of Point Comfort and southward of Staten Island. The bay is full of shoals with depths of 7 to 18 feet.

Great Kills Harbor, a shallow bight on the south side of Staten Island northwestward of Old Orchard Shoal Light, is used as an anchorage by small craft. The harbor is entered through a dredged channel that leads from deep water in Lower New York

Bay along the southwesterly side of **Crookes Point**, thence along the westerly side of the harbor to the head. In September 2000, the controlling depths were 4 feet in the left half with shoaling to bare in the right half of the entrance channel to the mouth of the harbor, thence 10

feet in the harbor channel to the head of the project. The channel is marked by buoys and a light. **Great Kills Light** (40°31.3'N., 74°07.9'W.), 35 feet above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark on a red concrete base east of the channel entrance.

Lemon Creek, 0.2 mile westward of Seguin Point, is a narrow shallow stream used only by local boats which enter at high water. The midchannel controlling depth over the bar is about 2 feet with deeper water inside. The abutment of a former bridge is on the south side of the creek just inside the mouth. Overhead power cables crossing the creek at the bridge abutment have a clearance of 47 feet.

A small marina on the creek can haul out craft up to 8 tons for minor engine and hull repairs; berths, electricity, water, ice, and outside storage are available.

Waackaack Creek and Thorns Creek, about 0.6 mile southwest of Point Comfort, have a common entrance protected by floodgates. The gates are lowered, thereby closing the harbor, when tides above 4½ feet are sustained for a period of time. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 32 feet crosses the creek entrance at the floodgates. Small-craft facilities on Thorns Creek provide berths, electricity, ice, water, gasoline, marine supplies, and a 20-ton forklift and a 12-ton mobile hoist for hull and engine repairs. In May 1982, the channels into the creeks were reported dredged to 7 feet.

Keyport Harbor, 3 miles westward of Point Comfort, is a shallow harbor on the south side of Raritan Bay between **Conaskonk Point** and **Matawan Point**. A buoyed approach channel leads southward from the bay to a dredged marked channel that leads through the harbor to the mouth of Matawan Creek.

Matawan Creek, entered at the head of Keyport Harbor, is used mostly by local craft. In May 2002, the controlling depth was 3.6 feet to the first highway bridge, thence 2.3 feet to the Route 35 highway bridge, thence in 1981, 2 feet to shoaling to bare was reported to the railroad bridge about 1.5 miles above the mouth. Greater depths are available with local knowledge.

Keyport is a town on the east side of the entrance to Matawan Creek. There are several small-craft facilities on Matawan Creek and on the southeast side of Keyport Harbor at Keyport. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, sewage pump-out, lifts to 30 tons, marine railways to 40 feet, and complete hull and engine repairs are available. Vessels proceed to the small-craft facilities at Keyport at high water.

Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (P.O.R.T.S.) is an information acquisition and dissemination technology developed by National Ocean Service, NOAA. The Port of New York and New Jersey Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System can be contacted via telephone 866-217-6787 or the Internet at: <http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov>.

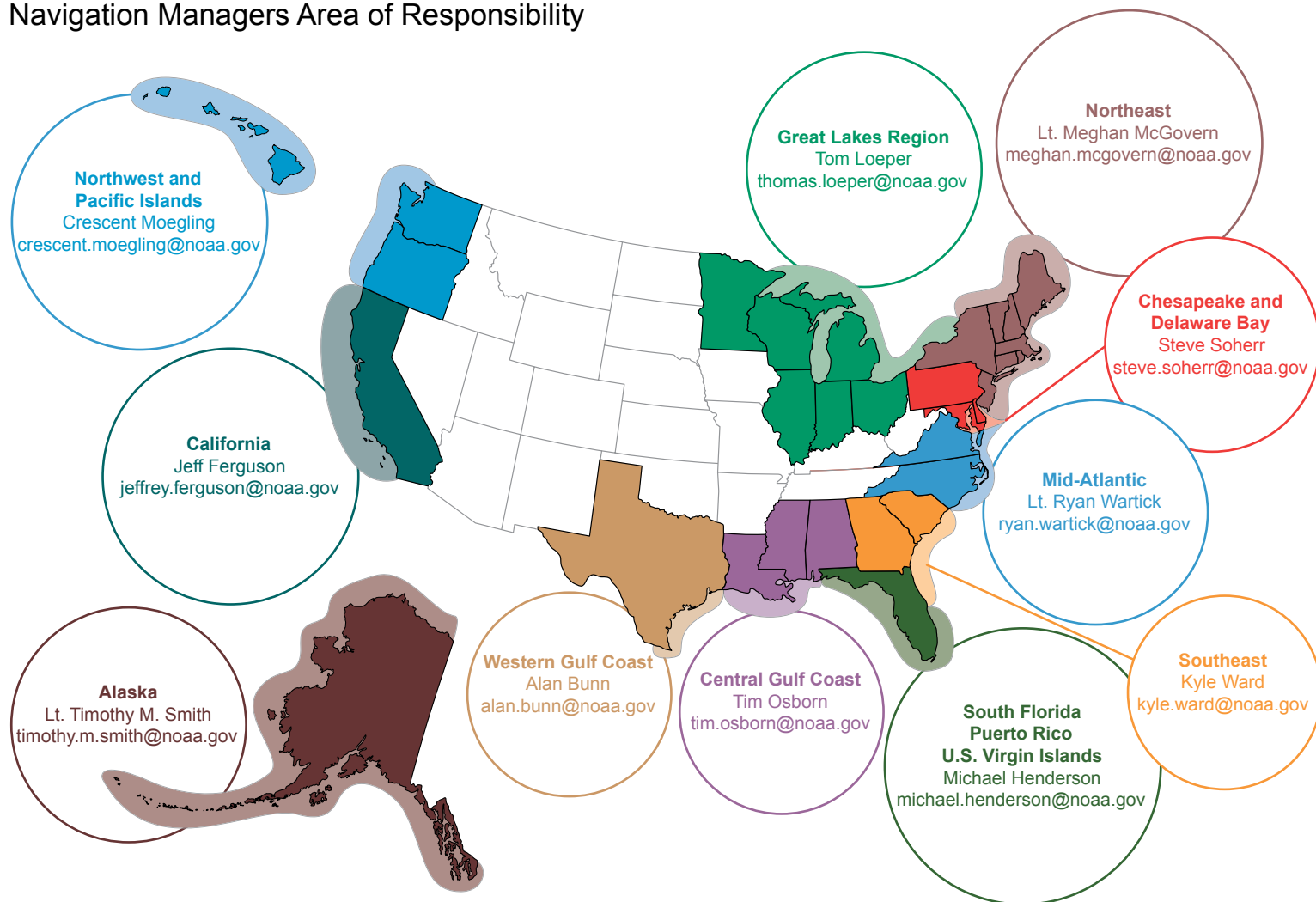
Caution.—Numerous sunken and visible wrecks are adjacent to both sides of the channel in Arthur Kill; caution is advised.

A liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) facility is on the west side of Arthur Kill immediately south of **Morses Creek**. A moving **safety zone** has been established around loaded LPG vessels transiting between Scotland Lighted Whistle Buoy S at the entrance to Sandy Hook Channel and the LPG facility. (See **165.1 through 165.7**, **165.20 through 165.25**, and **165.160**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

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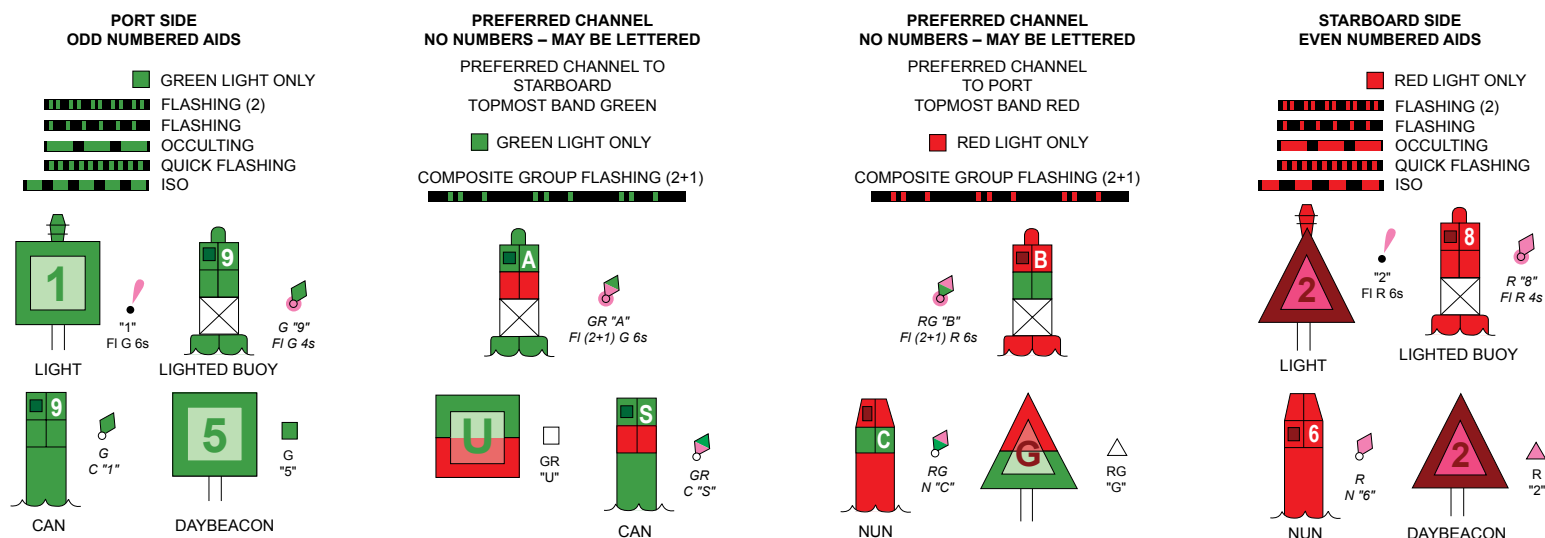
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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 2 for important supplemental information.

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TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE	(LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Great Kills Harbor	(40°33'N/74°08'W)	5.2	4.9	0.2
Princes Bay	(40°30'N/74°12'W)	5.5	5.1	0.2
Carteret	(40°35'N/74°13'W)	5.7	5.3	0.2
Keyport	(40°26'N/74°12'W)	5.6	5.3	0.2

Dashes (- -) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Oct 2014)

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N num	Rot rotating
B black	ISO isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT HO lighthouse	OC occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

Bottom characteristics:

Blks boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	Grs grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized	Obstr obstruction	PD position doubtful	Suom submerged
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	

(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.

(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

Port Reading

SMITH CREEK

The controlling depth at Mean Lower Low Water from the entrance to a point about 125 yards beyond the first bend was 7 feet. Jan 1984

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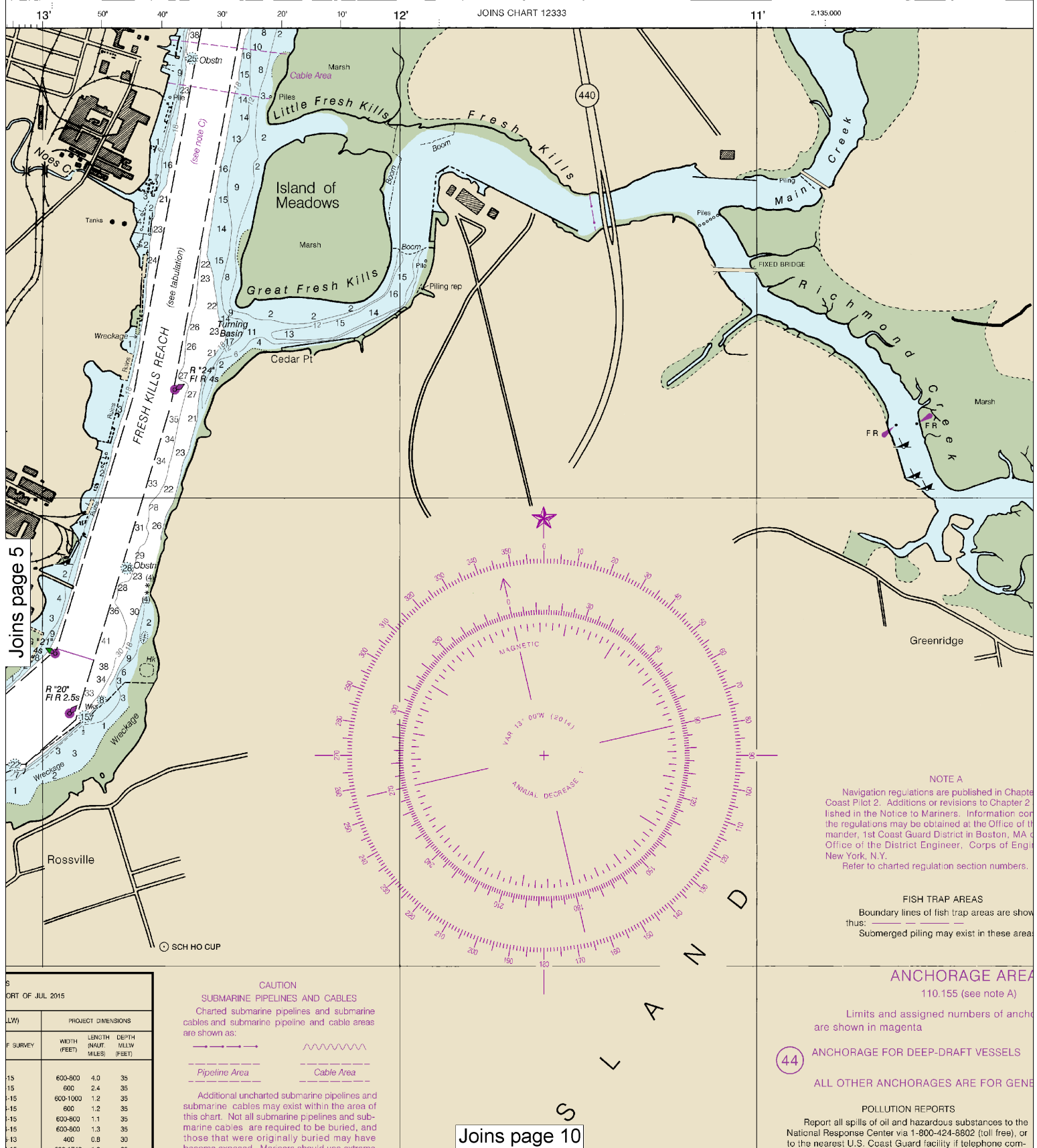
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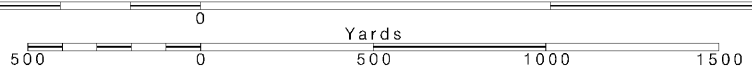
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Submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)						PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	LEFT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
RARITAN BAY								
EAST REACH	32.2	38.7	37.9	33.3	4-15	600-900	4.0	35
WEST REACH	31.5	39.7	39.8	30.7	4-15	600	2.4	35
SEGUINE POINT BEND	34.1	35.5	35.1	20.5	3-4-15	600-1000	1.2	35
RED BANK REACH	33.1	40.5	40.7	34.2	3-4-15	600	1.2	35
WARD POINT BEND (EAST)	28.0	39.3	36.0	26.5	3-4-15	600-800	1.1	35
WARD POINT BEND (WEST)	32.5	34.5	33.2	31.8	3-4-15	600-800	1.3	35
WARD POINT SECONDARY CHANNEL	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.0	4-5-13	400	0.8	30
RARITAN RIVER CUTOFF (A)	19.3	20.4	20.1	19.8	3-4-15	600-1740	1.0	20
ARTHUR KILL								
OUTERBRIDGE REACH	19.8	34.9	35.9	33.0	3-4-15	600-840	1.60	35
PORT SOCONY REACH	33.0	34.7	34.6	32.0	2-3-14	600-800	0.87	35
PORT READING REACH	24.2	33.7	34.3	27.3	2-3-14	500-550	1.80	35
FRESH KILLS REACH	28.0	34.4	35.0	33.2	2-3-14	500	1.65	35
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CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)					PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
GREAT BEDS REACH	13.1	17.2	17.9	12-13,1,2-14	300	0.78	25
SOUTH AMBOY REACH	14.8	17.2	14.6	12-13,1,2-14	300	1.20	25

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HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.381" northward and 1.480" eastward to agree with this chart.



CHART OF JUL 2015

F SURVEY	PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
15	600-800	4.0	35
15	600	2.4	35
15	600-1000	1.2	35
15	600	1.2	35
15	600-800	1.1	35
15	600-800	1.3	35
13	400	0.8	30
15	600-1740	1.0	20
15	600-840	1.80	35
14	600-800	0.87	35
14	500-650	1.80	35
14	500	1.65	35

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CHART OF MAR 2014

VEY	PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
4	300	0.76	25
4	300	1.20	25

ABOVE INFORMATION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES
 Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

— — — — — Pipeline Area
 ~~~~~ Cable Area

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Limits and assigned numbers of anchor are shown in magenta


**44** ANCHORAGE FOR DEEP-DRAFT VESSELS

ALL OTHER ANCHORAGES ARE FOR GENERAL

**POLLUTION REPORTS**

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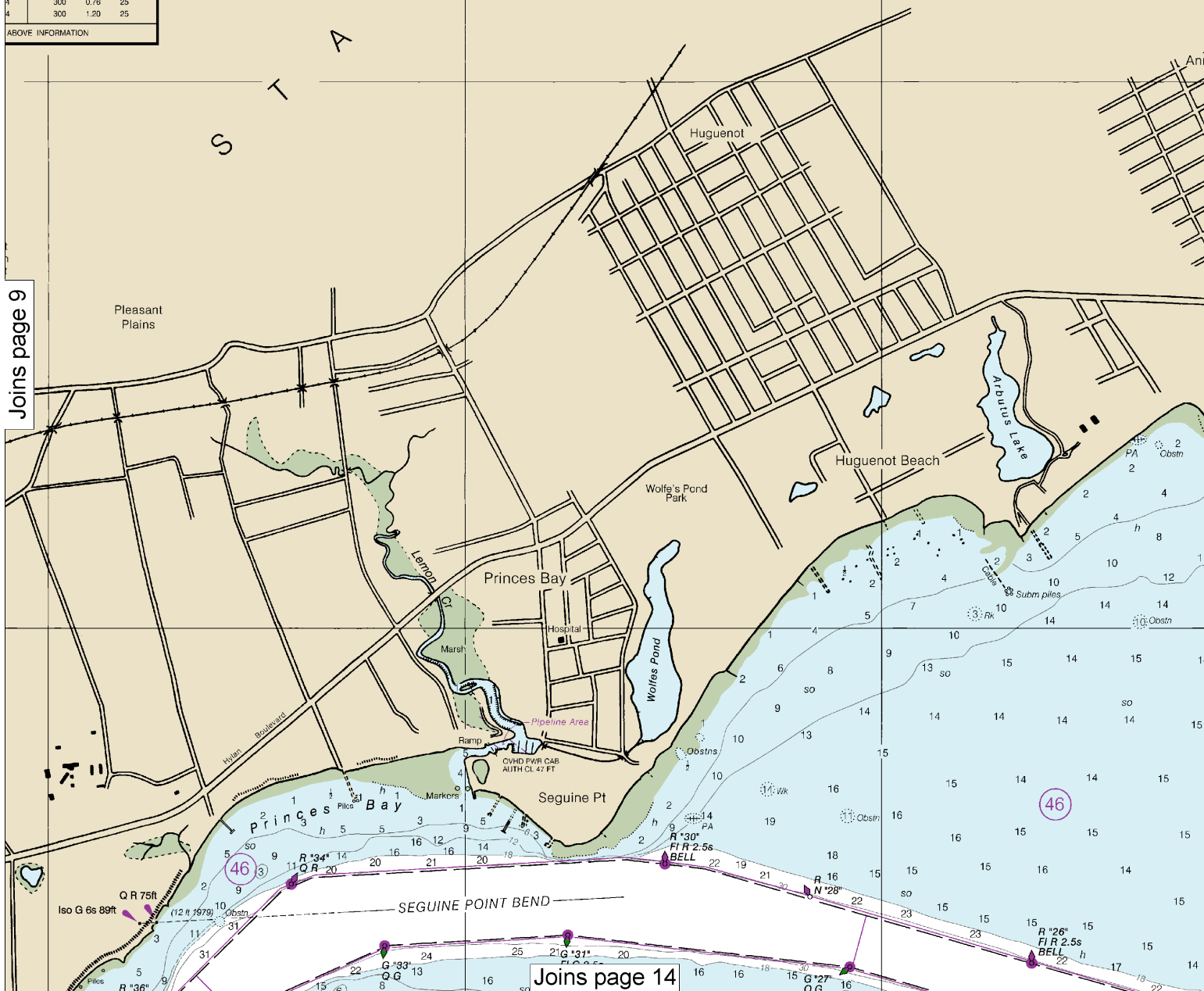
**CAUTION**

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus: 

**RACING BUOYS**

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

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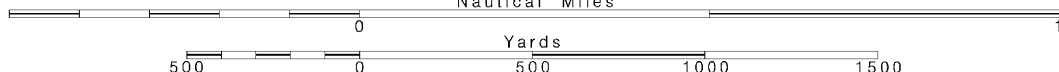
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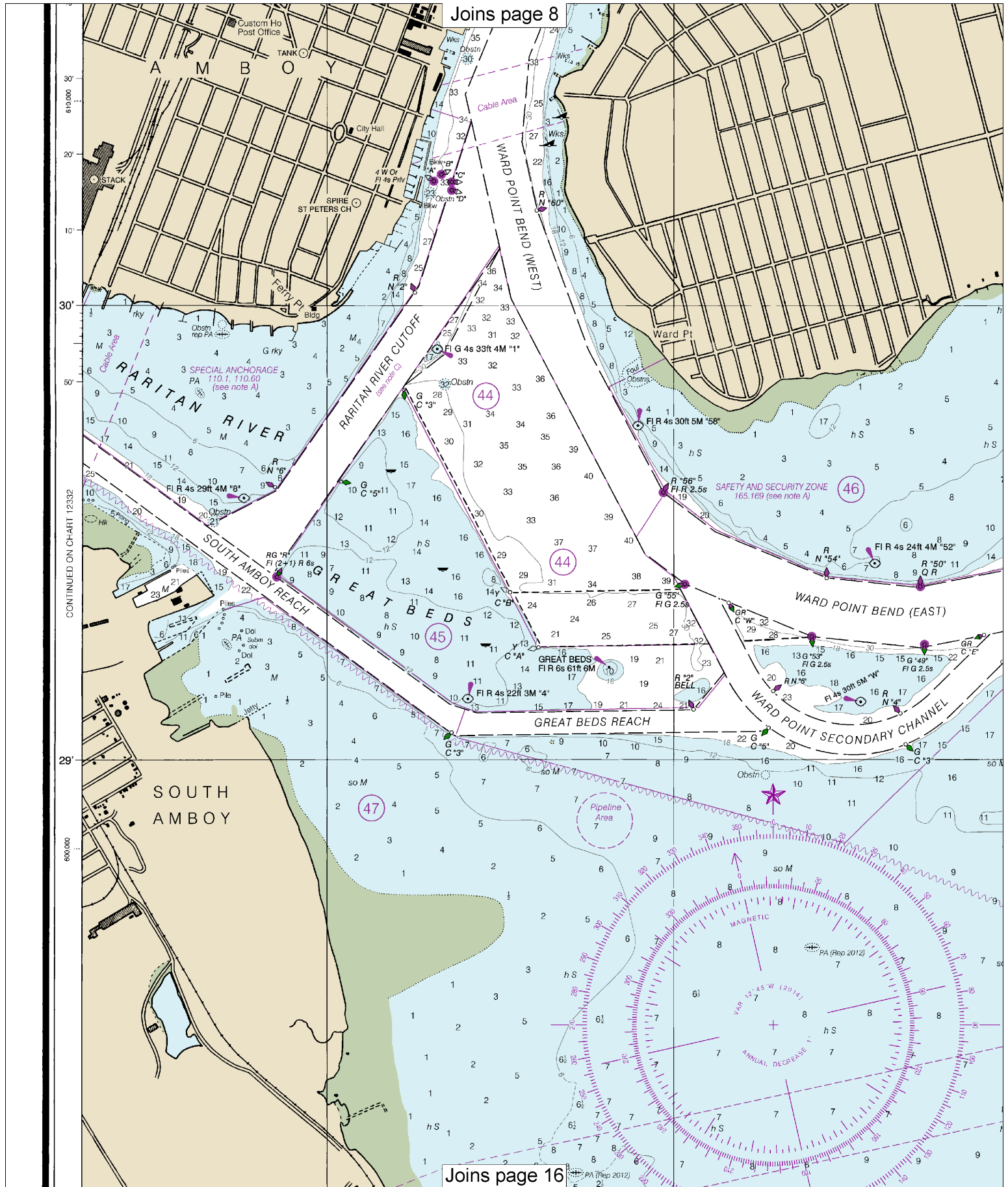
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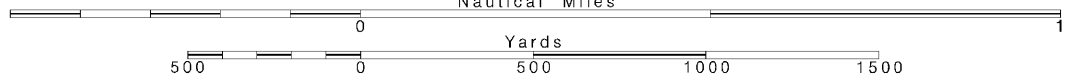
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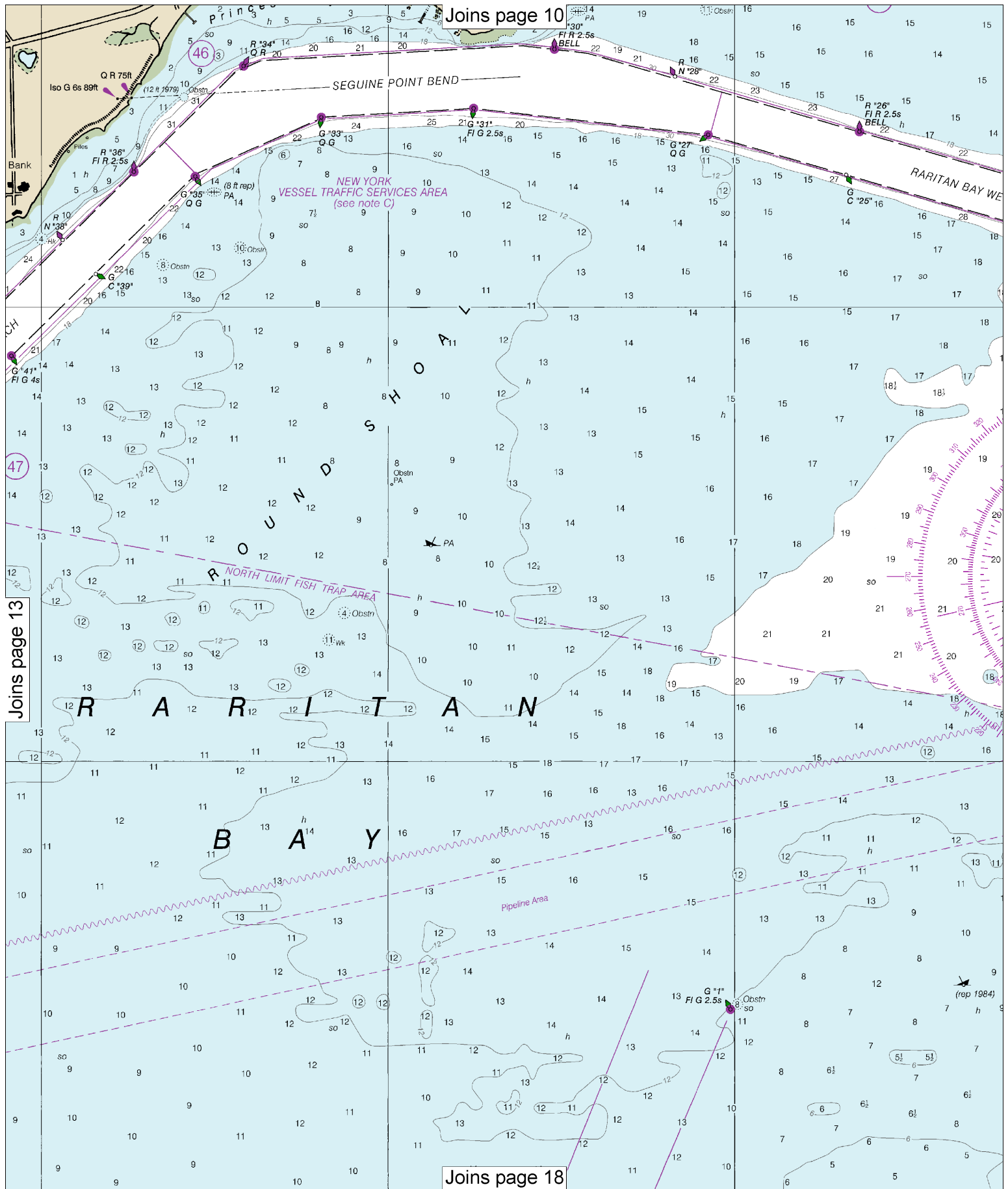
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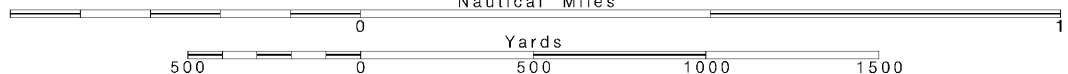
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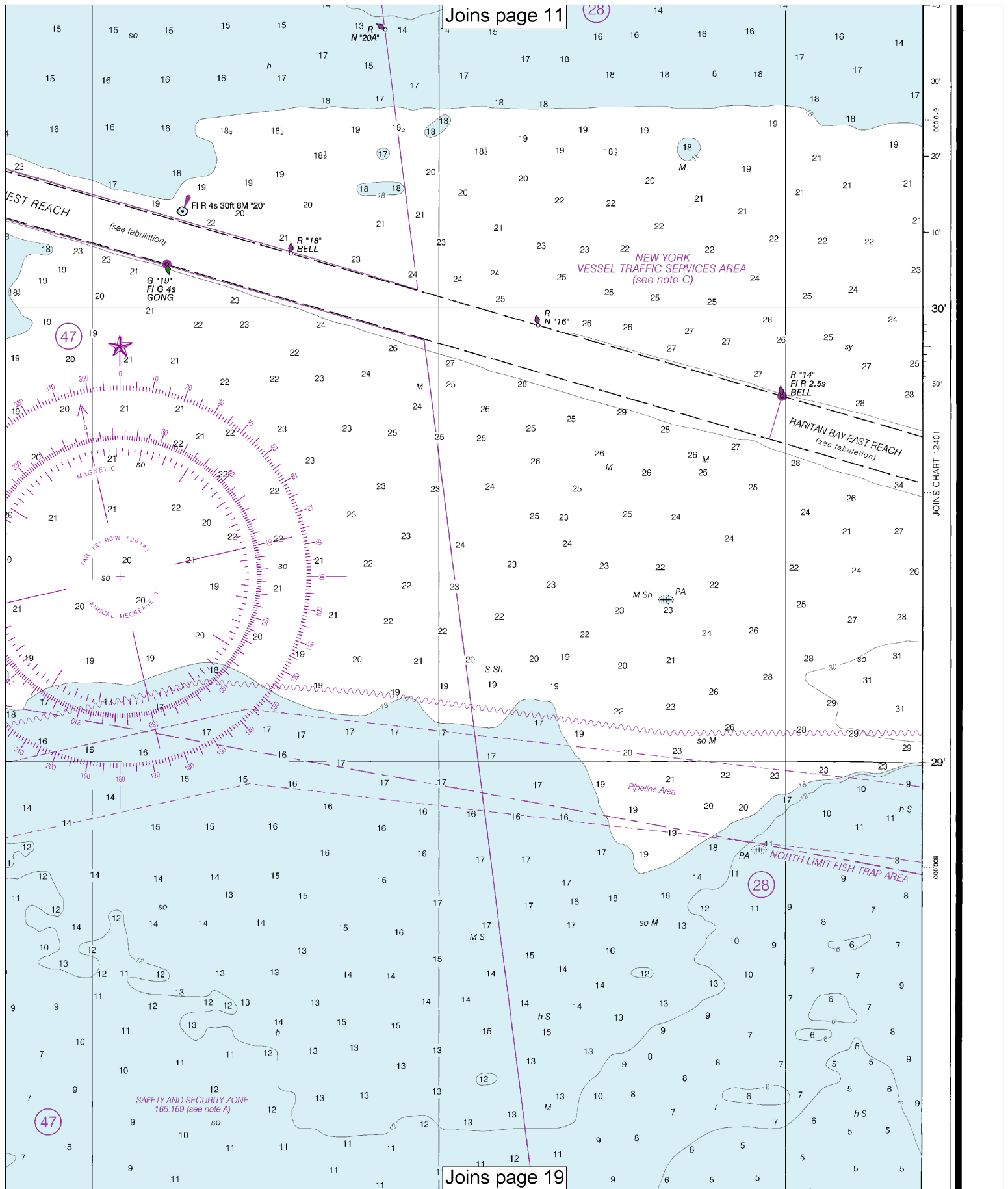
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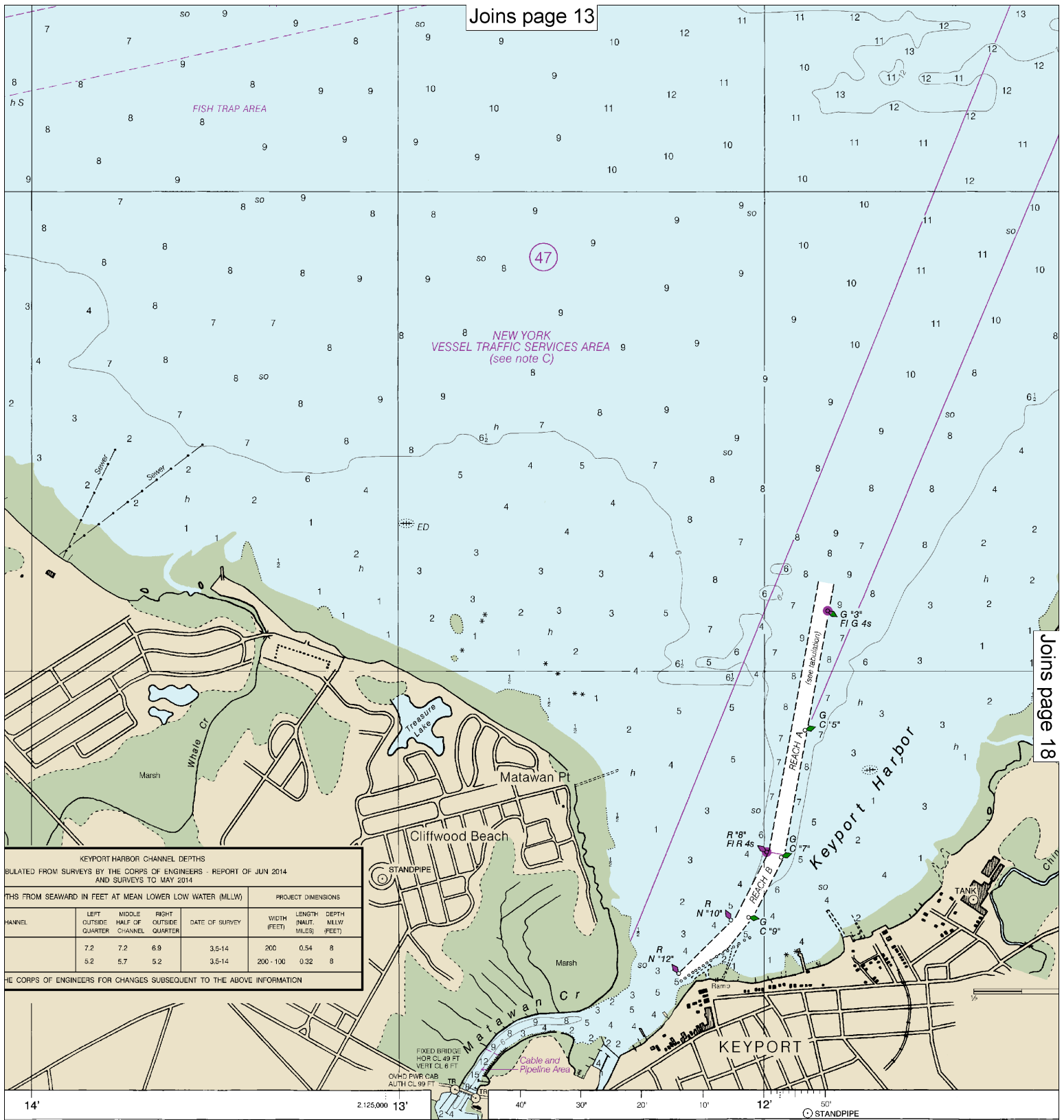
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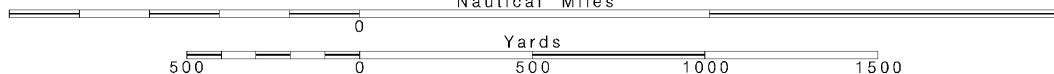
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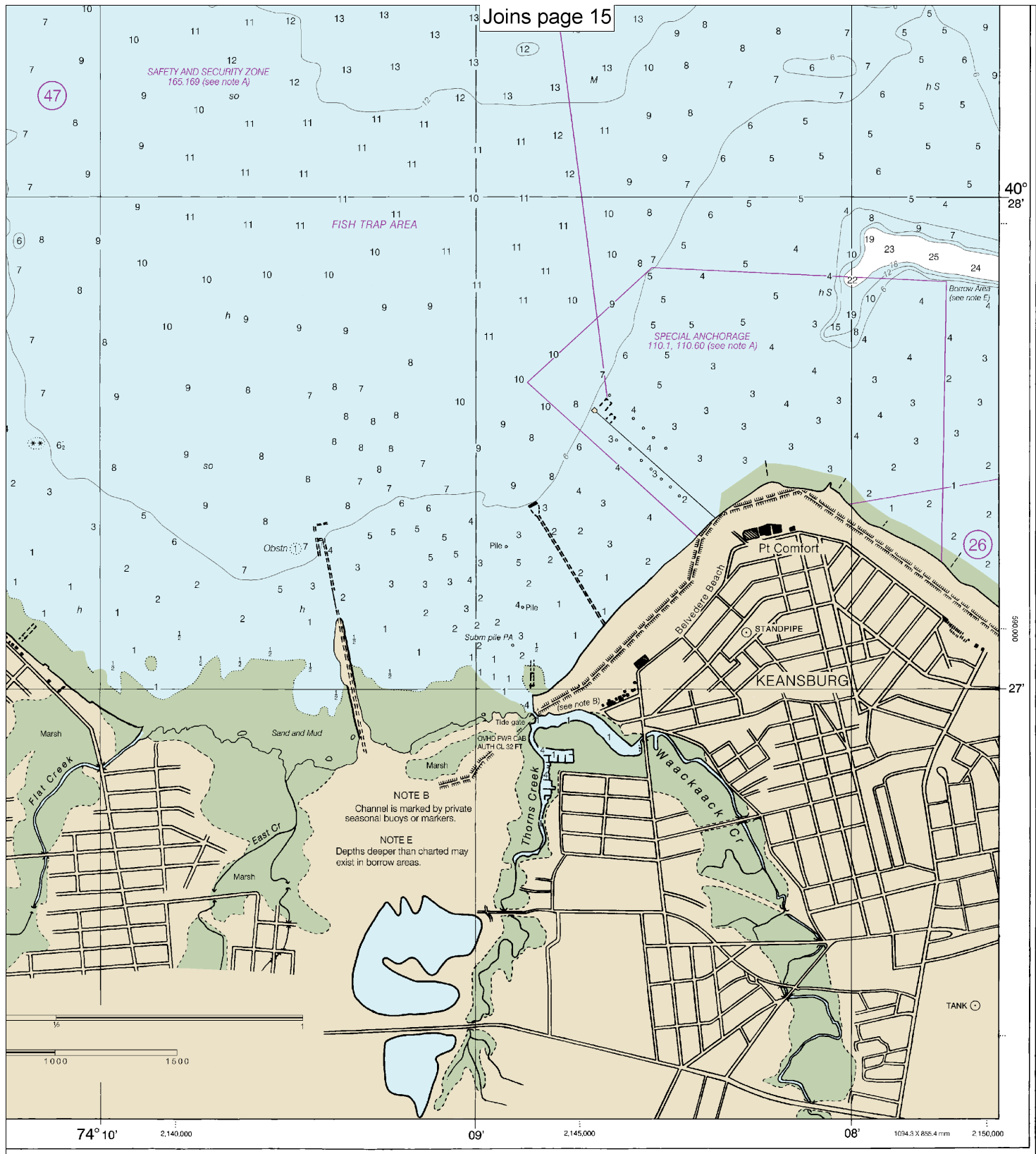
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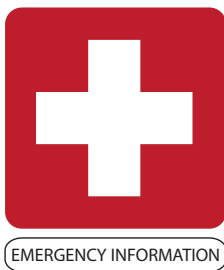


# Raritan Bay and Southern Part of Arthur Kill

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| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |     |



## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

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**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

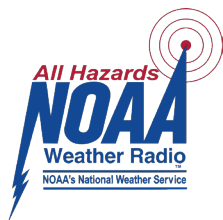
**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

## Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!**



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